

We claim:

1. An apparatus for rucking netting onto a tube, comprising;
a frame having an axis,
5 means for reciprocating movement along said axis,
a netting tube having an outside diameter and an axis and releasably attachable to said means
for reciprocating movement,
a second tube having a bore with a first diameter greater than said netting tube outside
diameter and demountably alignable co-axially to said netting tube,
10 a notch in an end of said second tube forming an annular space with said netting tube,
spring-loaded fingers attached to said frame and extending circumferentially into said axis
of said frame, forming a passage through which said netting tube and said second tube move
when said netting tube is attached to said platform and said second tube is mounted on said
netting tube.
- 15 2. The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising means to prevent snagging to a netting on said
second tube.
3. The apparatus of claim 3, whereby said means to prevent snagging comprises a tube cap
attached to said second tube and having a tapered surface.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising means to control said means for reciprocating
20 movement.
5. The apparatus of claim 4, whereby said means for reciprocating movement comprises an air-
actuated cylinder and an air supply.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising means to control said air-actuated cylinder.
7. An apparatus for rucking netting onto a tube, comprising;
a frame having an axis,
a platform attached to means for reciprocating movement along said axis,
5 a netting tube having an outside diameter and an axis and releasably attachable to said platform,
a second tube having a bore with a diameter greater than said netting tube outside diameter and demountably alignable co-axially to said netting tube,
spring-loaded fingers attached to said frame and extending circumferentially into said axis
10 of said frame, forming a passage through which said netting tube and said second tube move when said netting tube is attached to said platform and said second tube is mounted on said netting tube, and
a tube ring aligned concentric to said bore of said second tube and sliding axially over said netting tube, whereby said tube ring, said second tube, and said netting tube form an annular
15 space.
8. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising means to prevent snagging to said netting on said second tube.
9. The apparatus of claim 8, whereby said means to prevent snagging comprises a tube cap attached to said second tube and having a tapered surface.
- 20 10. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising means to control said means for reciprocating.
11. The apparatus of claim 7, whereby said means for reciprocating movement comprises an air-actuated cylinder and an air supply.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means to control said air-actuated cylinder.
13. A method of rucking netting onto a netting tube, comprising;
attaching a netting tube to a moveable platform,
placing a tube ring inside of and concentric to a second tube and sliding said second tube
5 axially over said netting tube, whereby said tube ring, said second tube, and said netting tube
form an annular space,
moving said platform reciprocatingly through spring-loaded fingers.
14. The method of claim 13, further comprising tapering an end of said second tube to prevent
snagging of said netting.